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June 14, 2007 7:00 pm

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June's Meeting
All About Field Day 2007

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Ham Radio, Computers, Electronics
ACRES & ACRES OF BARGAINS
1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month
GATES OPEN 6:30 AM

From The President

Paul KC6QLS



Field Day is here! Ed has done a great job in planning Field Day. I think we have more radios then we can power. The food sounds like it's going to be great too. I know that everyone is looking forward to the event, and we will have fun like all the previous years.

It is also Fair time! I'm happy to report that the El Cajon club has worked the first weekend. We had fun and talked to some hams in East County that may come to a meeting and see what we are all about.

73,
Paul Rios, KC6QLS
President

Field Day Cabins & Dorms

For information, please call
Ann KC6TBG at: (619) 593-9445

ARCEC Field Day Location

Al Bahr Shrine Camp
11670 Sunrise Highway
Mt. Laguna

Between Mile Marker 26 and Marker 26 ½
See Map on Website

Next Class will be in September
Extra Class is forming, please call
Gordon, AE6QW at 561-6323

Have some event to list?
Email WA6BGScounterpoise@cox.net

Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

General Membership Meeting
10 May 2007



The general membership meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by club president Paul Rios, KC6QLS at 1910hrs.

SECRETARY Mike, N6OPH read the minutes, as they were not yet published. The minutes were approved as read.

EDUCATION chairman Mike, N6OPH reported that the extra theory course would begin in September.

TREASURER Panger, KG6JCW read his report. The report was approved as corrected and filed for audit.

Mike Brass, KG6WLS reported on the completed work on the club's gang box for field day. It was unveiled for the general membership. Paul Rios presented a check to Mike for \$182.99 for the parts and materials. Mike donated the labor.

Rich, N6NKJ reported on the sign-ups for the Del Mar Fair. The ARCEC club days at the fair are 8,9 and 10 of June 2007. Rich asked for volunteer operators for a series of bike rides.

VICE PRESIDENT Ed, AI6O introduced this evening's speaker, Carl Gardenias, WU6D Orange County ARRL Section Manager.

The winner of the t-shirt contest was Ann Rios (drawing number one).

PRESIDENT Rios reported that he received a thank you letter from the family of Harley Gabrielson for the help rendered in the liquidation of his estate.

Paul is still looking for volunteers for the spotlight. The water district has received all of the paperwork for the repeater site.

ED, AI6O reported on the signup sheets for the upcoming Field Day event in June at the Al Bahr Shrine. The June meeting would be completely devoted to field day. All people involved in the set up of antenna structures

and others must be club members. This is a requirement of our insurance carrier. There are still some places available at the campground.

SANDARC elections were held at the April meeting. Mike, N6OPH was re-elected as chairman and Stogie, KG6JCW was elected as the treasurer. Mike, N6OPH explained the functions of SANDARC. Mike also announced that the new general question pool will become effective on 1 July 2007.

MEMBERSHIP chairman reported that 43 members attended this evening and there is a total of 250 paid members.

Rich, N6NKJ reported on the bike ride and that he has not yet received the radio equipment from John, KF6XY for the repeater site.

Ed, AI6O reported on the digital nets.

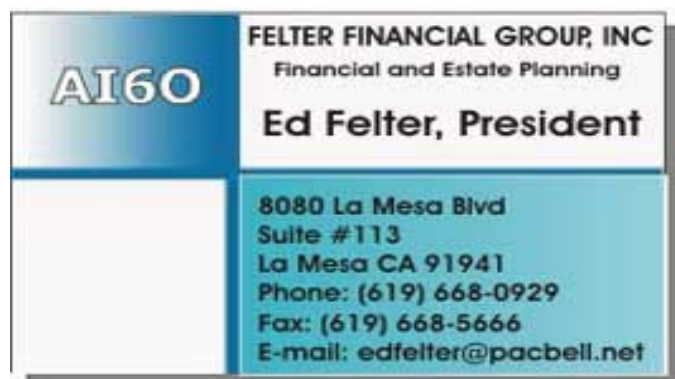
Gordon, AE6QW reported that the extra theory course would begin on the second Tuesday of September.

OLD BUSINESS Ed, AI6O asked for names of those who did not receive their certificate for their WAMO contacts.

There being no further business before the general membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2045hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael P Maston, N6OPH
Secretary
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



From The Vice President AI6O ED



Field Day is an annual amateur radio exercise sponsored by the American Radio Relay League which encourages emergency communications preparedness.

Since the first Field Day in 1933, Amateur radio operators throughout the United States have practiced the rapid deployment of radio communications equipment in environments ranging from operations under tents in remote areas to operations inside Emergency Operations Centers(EOC). Operations using emergency and alternative power sources are highly encouraged, since electricity and other public infrastructures are often among the first to fail during a natural disaster or severe weather.

To determine the effectiveness of the exercise and each participant's operations, there is an integrated contesting component and many clubs also engage in fun activities of camping out and having cookouts for the participants. Operations are typically for a continuous 24 hours requiring the scheduling of relief operators to keep the stations going through the night. Additional contest points are awarded for such things as experimenting with unusual modes, making contacts through space satellites and involving youth in the activity.

ARCEC will seek to fully define Field Day similarly on June 23-24. We have all the rigs we need, we have the power, the antennas, and I am told, we have the food! All we need now is YOU!

73 and Straight Ahead!

Ed, AI6O



WA6BGS Nets

Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Manger
Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Controller
Frito	N6WKB	Wide Open Nets
Ed Felter	AI6O	WAMO/D

WAMO NETS:

Wednesday and Saturday Nights
8:00 pm local time 7:30 "Checkins"

Tuesday Night Rag Chew net:
8:00 pm

Nets held on club repeaters

WA6BGS Repeaters

RX 147.420 (146.475) 107.2 PL

RX 224.080 – 107.2 PL

RX 445.900 – 107.2 PL

Don't miss it. All members welcome.

New WAMO/D Net

ARCEC, San Diego Digital VHF Net

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Day: Thurs. "Except 2nd Thurs. of the month"

Mode: PSK31

Frequency: 50.290 MHz. and a QSY to 144.144 MHz

This is an open net and all are invited. Early check-ins will be taken. Hope to see you on the waterfall!

WAMO means Worked All Members Only. The purpose of WAMO is to encourage people to people communication between club members and to publicize the name of the club among fellow amateurs.


Calendar of Events June 2007

June	2:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
June	2:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
June	5:	Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
June	7:	SDDVHF PSK Net 8 PM 20.290 MHz
June	14:	General Meeting, 7:00 pm
June	16:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
June	16:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
June	19:	Counterpoise Dead Line
June	21:	SDDVHF PSK Net 8 PM 20.290 MHz
June	22-24	Field Day 2007
June	28:	SDDVHF PSK Net 8 PM 20.290 MHz

Upcoming Event Dates

Aug.	4:	ARCEC Annual Picnic
Sept.	7-9	Convention 2007
Oct.	??:	Fire Station Open House
Nov.	18:	Mother Goose Parade

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Call _____ WAMO# _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Address:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send to Membership Chairperson:

A.R.C.E.C./ P.O. Box 50, El Cajon, CA 92022

ARCEC Membership Application

1. Amateur Call Sign	2. Class of License
3. First Name	4. Last Name
5. Street Address	6. City, State, Zip+4
7. Home Phone	8. Work Phone
May we list: Y N	
9. DOB	10. e-mail
11. ARRL Member Yes no	12. ARES Member Yes No
13. RACES Member Yes No	14. Sponsored by: or Family Member

Return this form with check made payable to the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon or ARCEC for new or renewal membership. Annual Dues \$18.00 for Individual, \$30.00 for family. New members add \$5.00 per member. Include your call on Check. Mail to
Membership Chairperson
A.R.C.E.C, P.O. Box 50, El Cajon, CA 92022

New () or Renewal ()	WAMO Number
Certificate Issued	Dues from _____ To _____
Paid Cash ()	Check No.
Check ()	Date Paid:

Computer Roster Available

Want the roster sent to you via e-mail? Send an e-mail to Ann Rios KC6TBG, and she will send you the database back as an attachment. She uses Excel, but may be able to convert to various formats if asked. Send your request to 619-593-9445 or KC6TBG@cox.net

FUN PAGE

Birthdays June

June	1	WB6POW	Gordon	Ripley
June	1	N6AHJ	Tom	Simser
June	7	KF6CVG	Robert	Lang
June	8		Henry	Simpson
June	12	W6RHV	Bob	Boehme
June	12	KF6CSY	John	Durante
June	15	KF6MLK	Carl	Scavo
June	20	NX6Q	Mel	Dunn
June	22	KE6QCA	Allan	Ingram
June	23	KG6VVO	Steve	St. Martin
June	26	WA6YWC	Frank	Ratty
June	27	WB6ODR	Bob	Smith
June	27	N6OEI	Matt	Lunati
June	29	KE6QVF	Bill	Geiler
June	29	KI6DTD	Rick	Dickson
June	30	K7SD	Steve	Bertalan
June			Lucille	Kelm

Did I miss your Birthday or is yours next month?
Your Birthday may not be on the Roster.

E-mail me: WA6BGScouterpoise@cox.net

Brain Thinkers

May2007

1= S. S. for M. 1 Small Step for Mankind

4= M. of the B. 4 Members of the Beatles

5= G. L. 5 Great Lakes
----- This Months -----

19= G. S. for the V.P.

48= C. in a P. D.

366= D. in a L. Y.

Word Search " Field Day "

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F U N J R H O W J S S E T U P W
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D E P S K S W E X R Z R H N S
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| <input type="checkbox"/> COCOA | <input type="checkbox"/> MICROPHONE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITION | <input type="checkbox"/> PSK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMPUTER | <input type="checkbox"/> RADIO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONTACT | <input type="checkbox"/> SETUP |

Mystery word? _____

Last Months Word Search

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P A R T I C I P A T E K Z C S
R N Q K W X G F V F X J E J G
A T E A C H W E W R E N E W N
C E L G E K F N Q J P H C T E
T N E C H X S C Y H R Z S A F
C A R W M V P E X C T E I E
E S K N I Z I J E X E K Y N I
W G C Q S F R H B W K C R O N
S K H R A D O V K C R O N A
F E R F I S T N S Z E E T G O
N W E K S J G N E H W V H S B
G Z D N U F Z Y X B F O W F A
J V A J H C K G A T F E N D I
Q C E Q T N S V K S G K Q S I
V O L U N T E E R Q V A J F O
F N E K E T A C I N U M M O C
    
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You've probably seen her around, taking pictures at club meetings or paling around with her younger sister. She's been recently licensed as KI6EEL about a year ago. Since then, Bridget Rios, WAMO #1680 has been busy getting involved with the El Cajon Club as one of our younger members.

Bridget has participated in both the Mother Goose Parade on the Club's float and Field Day for two years. She is very happy that she was able to make 30 plus contacts during Field Day 2006. She also volunteered to help represent Amateur Radio at the San Diego County Fair where she met a wide variety of individuals who were excited to learn more about the hobby, or had many interesting stories to tell from years of radio experience.

Bridget's been around amateur radio her whole life. Her parents, Ann and Paul Rios have been licensed for years and encouraged Bridget and her two sisters to get involved in order to communicate with others during emergencies. Bridget's biggest challenge in passing the test was math, but she spent a lot of time preparing so that when the time came, she was more than ready. Since then, she's learned to overcome shyness and has met lots of new people on the radio and at club meetings.

She's very happy that she was able to really accomplish something with Amateur Radio. Earning her technician license was a great feeling, and inspiration to go farther. She's enjoyed getting to have more in common with her dad and learning about a hobby they

both can share. Bridget hopes that more kids get interested in radio and says that "even girls can do it", as she's a perfect example.

With lots more ahead for her, she's no longer just a voice on the radio. The spotlight shines on KI6EEL.

73!

KI6FIH Tassy



MAZE



Jokes " My Uncle"

"My uncle has a cedar chest."

"My uncle has a wooden leg."

Lisie KI6EEK

The Editor's
Corner
KC6QLS Paul



Editor's Corner

I'm sorry that the Counterpoise is late. Due to circumstances beyond my control in getting stories and/or columns in on time, it makes it hard to get the newsletter out on time. I know we all have busy lives, and we are volunteers and try to do our best. So please be patient from time to time, and we will get it out before the next meeting.

Next month I would ask everyone to submit your best (3) three photos of Field Day to be printed in the Counterpoise and on the website.

Public Relations

I have sent out a Press Release to the Media for our Field Day. So smile and let's put on a good show when they show up. This is our time to show everyone that we know what to do in case of a real disaster. This year we will have PSK going on 2 meters, 6 meters and even 40 meters. Putting computers and the radio together may help spark the interest of the younger generation and get them more involved.

Paul Rios KC6QLS



Volunteers Needed

Up Coming Events

Field Day, FS #6 Open house

Please Sign up at the next meeting

E-Mail

Address for the Counterpoise. Please submit all *Counterpoise* Mail to:

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Prize Table Needs Help

Thank you for your contributions to the Prize Table! We still need your Support and Help or it may just end up a thing of the past. To Help, contact WA6PPG Carl Ferree at 328-2694 e-mail at cferree@IEEE.ORG

Things to keep in mind

Get on the El Cajon ARC Reflector

To sign up visit:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/elcajonarc/>

You will get the latest news about The Club and things going on in the Ham world.

Quote of the Month

"The longest-lived and the shortest-lived man, when they come to die, lose one and the same thing."

- Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, *Ibid*



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Crest Radio Museum

Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ



The Dream SEQUEL

Last month we heard how, on a trip to Indianapolis, I had a vision of a farmhouse basement full of vintage radios, and how I searched for it. For the 3rd time in a month, I was sent back there to work on the Microwave system again, a task so daunting that it was not possible to complete. As I type, it STILL doesn't work all correctly, but not likely I am going to be invited back a fourth time!

I spent dawn to dusk walking all over the plant, tweaking and twiddling with little success. The rest of the contractors went home to regroup and figure out new solutions, leaving me to deal with the mess. Friday morning, I stopped in to the plant for a couple hours knowing my flight would leave that evening. I told them I had done all I could do and would see them later. YAY! I had about 5 hours to kill before I had to turn in the rental car. MORE Searching time left!

After turning in 4 large boxes of unused antennas and junk to UPS to send back home, I headed West again, with no particular route planned, just wherever the road took me. Clouds were gathering in the distance and raindrops soon danced on my Chevy HHR's windshield as I got further and further out of town. The countryside was mostly farms and interlaced patches of lush forest. Lots of creeks and ponds were passed.

The wipers on the HHR worked furiously to clean the messy mud off the windshield as I drove on. Though I had a Triple A map, it didn't show in detail the tiny roadlets I was taking. A wrong turn here and there, and I was lost! Had there been some sun, I could have used it to orient me where West was and travel back East towards Indy. I would run into a Freeway or main road sooner or later. The rain grew stronger as the road grew rough and thin. Asphalt was replaced by gravel as the road entered a deep forest.. Still plenty of gas left, I HAD to run into some kind of a town shortly! Remember, Men don't ask for directions. I reached out with a McDonalds napkin to clear some of the mud off the windshield. I could barely see out now. The road

was now only 2 ruts and suddenly I hit a chuckhole! The HHR spun out and spilled off the road, obviously in deep distress. I got out in the pouring rain to inspect the damage. On the right side, both tires were flat and the rims bent. OH NO! I had only one spare!! A quick check showed no Cell phone coverage. I gazed around to see if any civilization was nearby and spotted some kind of dwelling just up the road. The sky was viciously black now and wind howling ferociously. I could barely walk against the gale that tossed me around. As I neared the house, it was obviously abandoned for quite some time. But it would get me out of the rain!

I peered inside and gingerly stepped inside. The vegetation had overgrown the driveway and I could see no one had been here in maybe decades! The shutters banged and roof creaked as the wind was getting worse. Out of the rain, I shined my flashlight around to see what was left. Vandals had completely trashed the place, no furniture was left. I walked into the kitchen and then to the bedroom, stepping so carefully so as not to fall through the floor. In the bedroom, I could see a table with coaxes going to it! Holy Mackerel!!!! It was the same table as in the Dream!!!

I rushed to the front door only to see the wind rip it off the hinges. The roar was incredible, like a train rolling through nearly. In the afternoon darkness, I could make out a wide, twisting mass coming down the road. It was a TORNADO!!!! It passed over the rental car, picking it up and tossing it who knows where! Trees were ripped apart as it headed right towards the house!!!! I dashed outside looking for the cellar door, which was locked. Barely able to stand in the wind, I saw a broken water pipe and used it to pry open the lock. Debris was dashed against me as I had one chance. I leaped down the stairs in one jump and laid face down on the dirt floor below. The Tornado began to eat at the house above, shattering it and the floor shook sending a thick layer of dust and splinters down on me. I held on to a beam as the bedlam continued, and then it began to slowly subside. A few minutes later, I dared to look up, and could see a little light in the floor above. The HOUSE had taken a direct hit!!! I rushed over to the stairs and tried to press open the cellar door, but some debris was blocking it shut. NO!!! What could I do now? Rain leaked through the floorboards making the ground beneath muddy. I searched for my flashlight.

Crest Continued

Shining it around, I could see it was all there. All the radios I had seen in the dream. I got up and went over to carress them. The Heathkit DX-100B, the National HRO-50 and Johnson Adventurer. Each was in perfect condition, though covered in 50 years of dust. I examined the boxes on the shelf. Many were New in the box ARC-5s from WW2 surplus! There were boxes filled with old variable capacitors and coils, Tubes of every kind and transformers the size of car batteries! Then, there in the corner, it stood. A Collins KW-1 transmitter, about the size of a refrigerator. I wondered how whoever the mystery Ham was, got it down the stairs and into here. Maybe he took it apart and brought it in piece by piece. I shined the light over to a workbench, and I could see a strange contraption I had never seen before. It had a rotary mechanism and pre-war caps in it. It must be a Spark Gap transmitter from the 20s!!!! There were QSL cards laying about, with QSOs dating from the 30s to around 1958. I thought about what this would all be worth on Ebay!! But I had to get out, that was priority ONE! Pressing and shoving at the door did no good. It must have tree limbs or pieces of the house's roof on it. I looked for gaps in the floor, but could not find one I could squeeze through. Exhausted and drained, I sat down on the floor and began to weep. I wondered if I would ever see my wife and family again, would I remain here with all this treasure for eternity??? My head cleared after awhile and I pushed the KW-1 over beneath the floor that seemed the weakest. Placing the DX-100B on the ground and the Johnson on top, I could climb up on top of the KW-1. On my back, I began to kick the floor above me, with all my might. It gave a little, but just could not be breached. Searching around, I found some more pipes and began to pry between the cracks. Loosing my grip, my hand bashed into the splintery floorboards. Blood mixed with the mud on the dirt below. It must have been hours, but **one**

finally the boards began to ooze up into the rotten carpet above. I kicked until my legs were numb, and then pried some more. But slowly, one by one, the boards came loose. I cleared enough to stick my head out. The HOUSE was GONE!!!

Darkness set in as the storm died down and well into the night I worked, prying boards up until I could finally squeeze my bulk out of the floor. I was FREE!!! But Where was I? No lights in any direction were seen, but it seemed like a good idea to follow the ruts in the road back the direction I had come. No sign of the rental car. It must have been tossed into Illinois!! Barely able to walk, I limped down the road, wherever it went. The rain and clouds were gone, and after many hours, I could see the Sun start to come up. I was walking the WRONG way!!! I turned around and headed back down the road again, walking what I determined to be East. I couldn't be more than 40 or 50 miles out of Indy. The day became quite hot, and the muddy road turned into dust. I longed for just a taste of that rain from last night. I was stumbling now, barely able to walk. Then I saw it. A GRADED Field!!! Man had to have been there!!! Running over to it, I saw that it probably had been years since it was used, but another dirt road was leading away from it. The overhead sun beat down on me as I watched aircraft race above me. I should have been on one of those Planes, yesterday! On I plugged, a step at a time, trying to concentrate on my family and how I had to make it back to see them. One foot after another, until my eyes went black and I fell to the dirt. I did not get up.....

The next thing I remember was waking up in a Hospital room, with IVs attached to my arm and various bandages on my head, and hands. Across the room, a Deputy was chatting with a nurse. I called out to them. "WHERE AM I?" "You are in the Greencastle Medical Center. You are very lucky to be alive, sir." The nurse rushed over and held me down to the bed. "Please don't move, you need your rest!"

Crest Continued

at all. The Stewardess asked if I would like a drink, and I chose a Bloody Mary. Reaching into my pocket for a \$5, I felt something else. Slowly I pulled it out. It was a QSL Card, faded and muddy. I couldn't read the callsign on it, W9Rsomething, from W1AW. Dated March 9th, 1939. No, no one would ever believe it at all!

Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ
San Diego Section Manager
Curator, Crest Radio Museum

Glen Peterson, WB6BOD from the Poway Amateur Radio "Society"... "PARS" gave ARCEC some items. One item was a 2 Meter Repeater. Alex WB6DTR, has it now, he is going to see if it works and/or can be fixed. Our plans are to make it a remote Repeater for use for events.

The other items will be brought to the meeting for the prize table.

Glen also has two 19" Racks up for grabs!

Thanks Glen!



Testing and Club Attire

VEC Testing Sites

1 st Saturday:	El Cajon 10:00 am First Lutheran Church of EC 867 South Lincoln Ave.
2 nd Saturday:	Carlsbad 9:30 am Carlsbad Safety Center Orion Way Carlsbad
3 rd Saturday:	North Park 10:00 am North Park Recreation Center 4044 Idaho Street San Diego
4 th Saturday:	Chula Vista 8:30 am Fire Station #7 1640 Santa Venetia Chula Vista
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From Rich N6NKJ



Hello everyone,

I hope all of you had a great Memorial weekend with family and friends. Let us never forget those who allow us the freedom we have to celebrate days like Memorial Day and for those who have given their lives for our freedom, and for those who are right now in harms way. GOD BLESS OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES and THEIR FAMILIES.

Our club's East County Amateur Radio Response Team had its first event on May 12, 2007 from 7am to around 2pm. We provided communications for the San Diego American Diabetes Associations "Tour de Cure" and bike race that started at Cuyamaca College and went all the way to Descanso then back to the college.

At first I did not think we were going to be able to support this great organization due to the lack of volunteers, but then I called my very good friend George Gross, KG6IDE, who is with REACT, and he was able to get enough people to help us man five of the six first aid stations. One of the people George was able to get to help us was Lonnie, KD6PFN, who drove all the way from Yucaipa to take part in this event.

As a result of REACT'S help, our group and REACT have formed a working relationship that will help both REACT'S team and ours. I will talk about this at the club meeting on June 14th. During this event, no one was injured. We did have a few racers who had problems with their bikes, but that was all that happened. Here is a list of the people who provided communications for the Diabetes event: George, KG6IDE; Wayne, KF6OZD; Len, K5WFW; Roger, KF6HBU and his wife June, KG6JJM; Eric, N6SUB and his wife Nancy; Lonnie, KD6PFN; Rich, N6NKJ and Marty, KI6HSA who were net controls for the event.

I just want to say THANK YOU to all these people who came out to help us on such short notice, and a BIG, BIG THANK YOU to George, KG6IDE for his help, and also to Walter Willenborn, KC6WRJ, the President of the Southwestern REACT Team. Without their help, we would not have been able to help this great organization. Well, that is all for this month, but remember, if you know of any events coming up for any club, let me know so I can put it in the Counterpoise.

Rich, N6NKJ

Welcome New Members

New Members



Linda Weed KI6JUD WAMO # 1736

Les Nuhn NN6K WAMO # 1737

Thank you to all members who have renewed. Please check the mailing label on your Counterpoise. If your membership has expired, please take a moment to complete and return the Renewal Application located within this Counterpoise.

73 Ann, KC6TBG

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Please Note: If you stay overnight in your car, there is a \$7.00 per night charge for use of the facilities.

Please email Ann KC6TBG at kc6tbg@cox.net with your reservations.

If you will not be staying overnight, but will be attending any of our Field Day days, please email your intention to join us noting the day and approximate time so we can get a head count of who will be attending and when in order to plan for food, etc.

June's Meeting Photos



Carl WU6D



Cathy K6VC, Ann KC6TBG, Paul KC6QLS
Carl WU6D & Mike KG6WLS



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